Price of imported Rubber

2394. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of imported rubber per tonne at present,

(b) at what rate the imported rubber has been sold to manufacturers;

(c) what is the present market rate of natural rubber per tonne in India; and

(d) whether the Rubber Board put up any proposal for providing incentives to the farmers for production of more rubber and if so, what action Government have taken on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The cost of imported rubber per tonne is (as in December, 1988) at the level of US $ 1108 and 1030 PMT C&F for RSS III and SMR=20 grades respectively.

(b) Rubber has been released to the manufacturers by STC at the following rates during 1988;

1-1-1988 to 23-6-88	@ Rs. 17000 PMT EX-godown Madras.
8-8-88 to 23-9-88 (FN)	@ Rs. 19000 PMT Ex. godown Madras.
23-9-88 to 25-11-88 (AN)	@ Rs. 20000 PMT. Ex-godown Madras.

(c) The price of RMA—IV grade of natural rubber at Kottayam market as on 7-3-1989 was Rs. 18500 pmt.

(d) For encouraging nautral rubber cultivation/production/ productivity the measures implemented by the Rubber Board already include:

(i) rubber plantation development scheme;

(ii) Scheme for acceleration of development in non-traditional areas;

(iii) establishment of nurseries and distribution of planting materials;

(i) supply of estate inputs to small holders on subsidised rates;

(v) advisory and training services;

(vi) scheme for promoting irrigation in rubber plantations; and

(vii) community marketing and processing.

Import of Gentamycin

2395. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the import policy in respect to Gentamycin;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gentamycin is being imported in the country;

(c) if so, names of the parties which imported this drug during the last two years alongwith the quantity imported by each of them and CIF price per gramme of each importer;

(d) whether it is a fact that the imported material is being sold as indigenous material at indigenous price;

(e) whether imported material can be sold at indigenous price; and

(f) if so, under what provision and if not, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) 'Gentamycin Sulphate including Gentamycin CCA' appears in the list of restricted items in the current Import Policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.